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1. DEPT'S GENERAL VIEWS ON GUIDELINES FOR A "SUB-COMMISSION OR WORKING GROUP" ON S&T WERE SENT EMB 4/17/74 IN POLLACK/ WILLIAMS LETTER.

2. ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF OUR VIEWS AS STATED IN REF LETTER ARE THAT S&T "GROUP" SHOULD PROVIDE A MECHANISM FOR MATCHING US & INDIA S&T PRIORITIES AND INTERESTS, COORDINATED REVIEW OF INDO-US S&T COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES AND FOR CONTINUING DEFINITION AND RELATING OF MUTUAL GOALS AND PRIORITIES. GROUP SHOULD NOT ENGAGE IN DETAILED ACTIVITIES LIKE PROJECT REVIEW, NEGOTIATION OR APPROVAL. ALSO WE FEEL COORDINATION OF SPECIFIC USG AGENCY PROGRAM
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BUDGET ALLOCATIONS WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR ANY "OUTSIDE

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BODY" PARTICULARLY A BINATIONAL ONE TO EFFECT. OUR PREFERENCE FOR COMPOSING AN S&T GROUP, WOULD BE FOR AS SMALL A GROUP AS POSSIBLE, HOPEFULLY NO MORE THAN FOUR (4) INCLUDING GOV'T AND PRIVATE SECTOR. WE WOULD NOT

FEEL IT ESSENTIAL TO MATCH GOI REPRESENTATION IN NUMBERS SOLELY FOR SAKE OF SYMMETRY. SUCH A GROUP COULD REVIEW AND RECOMMEND ACTIONS TO GOV'T BUT SHOULD NOT CONTROL BUDGETS AND HAVE VERY LIMITED IF ANY, DIRECT AUTHORITY OVER PROGRAMS AND PLANNING DECISIONS.

3. DEPT HAD, BEFORE RECEIPT OF GOI DRAFT, CONSIDERED FOLLOWING AS POSSIBLE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR S&T GROUP:

A. DEVELOP COORDINATED PROCEDURAL GUIDELINES GOVERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF COOPERATIVE S&T ACTIVITIES.

B. DEVELOP AND RECOMMEND TO THE GOVERNMENTS POLICIES, PLANS, AND PRIORITIES FOR COOPERATIVE S&T ACTIVITIES.

C. PERIODICALLY REVIEW THE PROGRESS OF PROGRAMS.

D. ESTABLISH EXPERT ADVISORY PANELS AS NEEDED.

E. INVESTIGATE AND RECOMMEND MECHANISMS FOR INCREASING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF COOPERATION (INCLUDING HARD CURRENCY NEEDS AND SOURCES). IN THIS REGARD SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASED HARD CURRENCY RESOURCES FOR INDIA S&T PROGRAMS, WHILE POSSIBLE, ARE NOT NOW APPARENT.
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